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SUBJECT: FORMER PSD SECRETARY-GENERAL ON PARTY'S FUTURE

REFS: (A) LISBON 501 (DTG 191800Z JAN 78),
(B) OPORTO 33 (DTG 311200Z JAN 78)

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FORMER PSD SECRETARY-GENERAL MAGALHAES
MOTA THE PSD WILL ESCHEW EXTREME POSITIONS IN THE ASSEMBLY
AND MIGHT JOIN THE GOVERNMENT IN 1979. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FEB 15 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, FORMER PSD
SECRETARY-GENERAL AND CURRENT NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSION
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MEMBER MAGALHAES MOTA DISCUSSED THE PSD'S FUTURE AS AN
OPPOSITION PARTY. HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS REMARKS:

--THE CURRENT PARTY LEADERSHIP ANTICIPATES PS/CDS
EFFORTS TO BRING THE PSD INTO THE GOVERNMENT, AND
THE CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT A PS/PSD/CDS GOVERN-
MENT COULD BE A REALITY BY 1979.

--THE PSD MOTION TO REJECT THE PS/CDS
GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WAS A TACTICAL MOVE. THE FACT
THAT THE MOTION WAS INTRODUCED AT THE BEGINNING AND NOT
DURING OR TOWARDS THE END OF THE DEBATE
INDICATES THAT THE PSD DOES NOT HAVE SERIOUS
PROBLEMS WITH THE NEW PROGRAM.

--THE NEW PARTY LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER, IS DETERMINED
TO PROTECT ITS OPTIONS. SOME SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE LESS CONVINCED
THAT BEFORE THAT THE PS/CDS TEAM IS BOUND TO FAIL; BUT ARE STILL
PLANNING FOR ELECTIONS IN 1980 OR BEFORE. IF THE PS
AND CDS CANNOT IMPLEMENT THE NEW PROGRAM, HOWEVER, THE PSD IS
UNWILLING TO BE TARRED BY THE SAME BRUSH.

--PSD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP LEADER BARBOSA DE MELO
WILL STEP DOWN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE HAD AGREED TO
RETURN TO THE POSITION DURING THE PARTY CONGRESS BUT
ONLY TEMPORARILY.

--SA CARNEIRO WILL NOT ACCEPT A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. WITH THE PS/CDS GOVERNMENT A REALITY,
A MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATES AT THE OPORTO PSD CONGRESS
JAN 28-29 -- AND AFTER HIS OWN HEAD COUNT EVEN SA
CARNEIRO -- REALIZED THAT "SYSTEMATIC OPPOSITION" WAS
NOT THE ANSWER. SA CARNEIRO'S RETREAT WAS PAINFUL
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BUT NECESSARY.

2. COMMENT: MOTA IS NO INTELLECTUAL HEAVYWEIGHT, BUT
HE IS A PERMANENT PSD FIXTURE. HIS THINKING AND
POSITIONS TEND TO BE REACTIVE. HE DOES NOT
INITIATE BUT RATHER FOLLOWS CHANGING PARTY POSITIONS.
IN A RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW, HE NOTED THAT POLITICAL
PARTIES NEED NOT OPERATE AS BATTERING RAMS. THE NEW
PARTY LEADERSHIP MAY ESCHEW THE VIOLENT RHETORIC OF THE
RECENT PAST IN FAVOR OF A MORE SOPHISTICATED FORM OF
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AND APPEARS READY TO AT LEAST
ENTERTAIN OVERTURES FROM THE PS.
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